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We must not allow the rebels to proceed more than a kilometer ahead of us, Unit E3D6. It is essential that they lead us to the hidden submarine base.
Assuming the rebels continue to believe that this was a chance meeting and that we were destroyed by their missile, Unit Pavlichenko.
SKYNET is placing great trust in the situational assessment of your transferred personality and its claim that any attempt to follow the rebels by air would result in our detection and the subsequent escape of the submarine and its missiles.
The rebels here possess the same radar systems as the base in Kamchatka, Unit E3D6. The submarine is surely on standby mode at this time. A crash dive would take less than 75 seconds.
Surprise is required for mission sucess.

TRACKING MODE: D-Level Image Enhancment
READOUT/PARITY: FFB0: 6700 (70%)
HB01: A100 (98%)
MICR/SET: 00101001
Unit Pavlichenko - - if there are any operational conflicts between the mission programming amd your transferred personality, you are to report them immediately. This unit will assess their impact on your performance.
This unit does not have one of the flawed first-generation transfers. When the objective is reached, you will have every opportunity to assess this unit's performance.
I'M GOING TO WALK THE PERIMETER. BANDERA, GUARD GOLITSYN-- DON'T LET HIM OUT OF YOUR SIGHT.
I HAD NO INTENTION OF DOING SO, SERGEY-- THE QUESTION IS, SHOULD I BE LETTING YOU OUT OF MY SIGHT?

THIS IS INSANE. I CAN'T WIN, NO MATTER WHAT I DO.
IF SERGEY IS A STEALTH TERMINATOR, HE'LL TRY TO SEIZE OR DESTROY THE MISSILES. IF GOLITSYN IS A TERMINATOR COPIED FROM THE REAL GOLITSYN, HE COULD PROGRAM THE MISSILES TO DESTROY US... AND NO ONE WOULD KNOW UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.
IT COULD EVEN BE BOTH OF THEM... OR NEITHER OF THEM. MAYBE THE INSANITY IS ONLY IN MY HEAD— PARANOID DELUSIONS...
WELL, BEFORE WE ARRIVE AT THE BASE TOMORROW, I...
HMM?
WELL, I'M CERTAINLY NOT IMAGINING THIS. WHY IS HE TRYING TO SNEAK AWAY FROM CAMP?
ENOUGH! I'M GOING TO SETTLE THIS...
...ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.
GENERAL EFRON TOLD US THAT JOHN CONNOR'S FORCES HAVE SKYNET ON THE ROPES. IF SKYNET FALLS, MIR WILL TAKE OVER... BUT IF HUMANS CAN DEFEAT SKYNET, WE CAN DEFEAT MIR.
BUT IF MIR OR SKYNET GETS THOSE MISSILES, HUMANITY WILL BE FINISHED.

I CAN'T TAKE THE CHANCE.
GOODBYE, GOLITSYN... OR WHATEVER YOU ARE...
FWAK
LARISA! WHAT IN THE NAME OF GOD ARE YOU DOING?!
WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE LONG AGO!
SERGEY, CAN'T YOU SEE?! THE TERMINATORS SPARED GOLITSYN THREE TIMES! THEY WANT HIM TO REACH THE SUBMARINE!
HE MUST BE A STEALTH TERMINATOR! WHAT OTHER EXPLANATION CAN THERE BE?
WHATEVER GENERAL EFRON SAID, I STILL BELIEVE WE CAN DEFEAT MIR EVEN IF IT SPREADS.
BUT IF THOSE MISSILES ARE USED ON US AND CONNOR, THERE'S NO HOPE FOR ANYONE ANYWHERE!

LARISA...
WHAT IF GOLITSYN IS THE ONLY PERSON LEFT WHO KNOWS THE CODES? PERHAPS THE TERMINATORS WANT HIM ALIVE.
I THINK YOU HATE HIM BECAUSE HE WAS ONCE KGB-- THE MURDERERS OF YOUR PARENTS.
AND, YES, HE WAS ONCE IN A TERMINATOR CONCENTRATION CAMP.
BUT SO WAS I... COULDN'T I BE THE INFILTRATOR YOU FEAR?
IF YOU HONESTLY FEEL AS YOU SAY YOU DO, THERE IS ONLY ONE SOLUTION.
SHOOT US BOTH.
BUT DO IT NOW. I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE REST OF HUMANITY MURDERED ONE BY ONE.
AND I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
SO... EVEN AN OLD MAN RELIEVING HIMSELF BECOMES A LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION WITH SPETSNAZ AROUND!
BAH!

SERGEY... HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WE'LL DO AFTER THE WAR?
AFTER THE WAR... NO, I'VE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT.
I'VE FORGOTTEN WHAT PEACE IS LIKE... FORGOTTEN THE PAST, FORGOTTEN HOW TO DREAM ABOUT THE FUTURE.
BUT THIS IS *IT*, ISN'T IT? IF WE SUCCEED, IF CONNOR SUCCEEDS... IT'S OVER.
DO YOU THINK THERE'LL BE A PLACE IN THE FUTURE FOR KILLERS LIKE US?
NOT FOR KILLERS...BUT FOR THOSE WHO CAN BRING LIFE.
WE CAN BRING A CHILD INTO THAT NEW WORLD, SERGEY.

KIRIL'SK BASE.
THANK GOD YOU'RE HERE! WE SHOT DOWN TWO HUNTER/KILLERS LAST NIGHT--THEY MAY BE CLOSE TO LOCATING US.
WE ENCOUNTERED ONE AS WELL. IT DAMAGED OUR HELO, BUT WE MANAGED TO DESTROY IT.
THE SUB'S READY--WE MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
CAPTAIN FILITOV? I'M CAPTAIN PAVLICHENKO. WE'VE BROUGHT THE MISSILE TECH.
EXCELLENT-- BRING HIM ABOARD AND WE'LL CAST OFF.
I'LL NEED YOU AND YOUR MEN TO COME WITH US. WE HAVE ONLY A SKELTON CREW AND CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET.

WELCOME TO THE TYPHOON-CLASS BALLISTIC MISSILE SUBMARINE KOROLEV.
THIS IS THE COMMAND PRESSURE HULL. BELOW THIS LEVEL, WE HAVE TO TWO IDENTICAL SIDE-BY-SIDE MAIN PRESSURE HULLS--PORT AND STARBOARD--EACH WITH ITS OWN REACTOR, CREW QUARTERS, TORPEDO ROOM AND MISSILE CHAMBER.
IN CASE ONE SIDE IS SEVERELY DAMAGED, WE CAN SEAL IT OFF AND CONTINUE OPERATIONS FROM THE UNDAMAGED SECTIONS.
IF YOU'LL FOLLOW ME, WE'LL MOVE DOWN INTO THE PORT PRESSURE HULL.
THE KOROLEV WAS UPGRADED TO LIQUID SODIUM FAST-BREEDER REACTORS JUST BEFORE THE WAR. THE SODIUM CIRCULATES THROUGH PRESSURIZED PIPES AT ABOUT 2000 DEGREES.
THESE ARE THE STARBOARD MISSILE TUBES. THE TERMINAL HERE CAN ACCESS BOTH THE PORT AND STARBOARD TUBES.
WHY WERE YOUR MISSILES NOT FIRED DURING THE WAR?
MY OFFICERS AND I DID NOT AGREE WITH THE PHILOSOPHIES OF THE NEW MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.
WHEN THE ORDER CAME TO LAUNCH...WE REFUSED. WE WOULD NOT BE A PARTY TO GENOCIDE.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT AN ACT OF TREASON WOULD HAVE SUCH FORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES.
THIS WILL TAKE ABOUT TWENTY MINUTES. YOU CAN LEAVE PORT ANY TIME.
I CAN DO THIS WITHOUT ASSISTANCE, SPETSNAZ.
ALL THE SAME, I THINK I'LL STAY HERE, CHEKISTY.
YOU STILL DON'T TRUST ME, EH? I LIKE THAT--YOU'D HAVE MADE A FINE KGB AGENT.
UNTIL THE MISSION IS COMPLETE, TRUST NO ONE.

HEY, RUBILEV— CAST OFF!
AYE, AYE SIR!
Unit Pavlichenko, Unit C93B -- commence assault
WATCH TO CONN! TERMINATORS!! TERMINATORS!!
FZZAAK
AAAGHH!

SECURE MAIN HATCH!
ALL AHEAD FULL!

WHRANGG
AS SOON AS WE REACH THE DROP-OFF, FLOOD ALL TANKS AND GIVE ME A 45 DEGREE DOWN-ANGLE ON THE BOW PLANES!
WHRANGG
"PASSING THROUGH 1,200 FEET, CAPTAIN!"
WHRANGG
CAN THEY GET THROUGH THAT HATCH, FILITOV?!
IT'S THE STRONGEST IN THE BOAT, BUT--
THEY... THEY'VE STOPPED!
THE PRESSURE HERE IS NEARLY 600 POUNDS PER SQUARE INCH--IT MUST HAVE CRUSHED THEM.
BLOW TANKS THREE AND FOUR, BRING US BACK UP TO 500 FEET!

CLANGCLANGCLANGCLANG
CAPTAIN! ONE OF THE TUBES IN THE PORT TORPEDO ROOM HAS BEEN BREACHED!!
IT'S THEM!!
SKSSSHHH
KIROV AND TOBENKIN TO THE PORT TORPEDO ROOM, NOW!!

FWOOSSH
Hatch secured Flooding will be limited to port torpedo room
Unit Pavlichenko, Initiate next phase of operation
Very well, Unit E6D3 -
- next phase initiated.
CONFLICT·
Request explanation, Unit Pavlichenko

MIR wishes to be free of SKYNET. The missiles will be programmed to destroy SKYNET and the rebels
ERROR:
MIR does not possess the missile codes
But Anatoly Golitsyn does MIR has been tracking him for many months
Begin operational phase three
BANDERA! IS THE HATCH SECURED?
YES, CAPTAIN! WHAT IS—
AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF TERMINATORS HAVE BROKEN IN THROUGH THE PORT TORPEDO TUBE. I SENT KIROV AND TOBENKIN TO INTERCEPT THEM.
YOU SHOULD BE SAFE HERE IN THE STARBOARD HULL--DON'T LEAVE HIM FOR ANY REASON!
HOW MUCH LONGER, GOLITSYN?

THIS IS A DELICATE PROCEDURE--IT CANNOT BE RUSHED. PERHAPS ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES.
I CAN DO MY JOB, SPETSNAZ. SEE THAT YOU AND YOUR MEN DO YOURS!
NOTHING HERE, EITHER.
THEY'VE BEEN SHOT TO PIECES. BY WHO?
WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE, KIROV?
I TOOK CARE OF THEM--THERE WERE ONLY TWO. WE'RE SAFE AGAIN, MY FRIENDS.
CAPTAIN...?
WHERE IS GOUTSYN? IS HE SAFE?
HE'S IN THE STARBOARD MISSILE ROOM, CAPTAIN--BUT WEREN'T YOU WITH HIM THERE? HOW DID YOU GET--
FZAKK
FZAKK

DATA ASSESSMENT
Location and presence of Anatoly Golitsyn confirmed
CAPTAIN PAVLICHENKO, THIS IS KIROV TOBENKIN AND I GOT THEM-- THERE WERE ONLY TWO.
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING HERE YOU OUGHT TO SEE, CAPTAIN.
Location and presence of Pavlichenko unit upon which this unit is based confirmed
YOU KNOW I CAN'T LEAVE HERE, KIROV--I'VE GOT TO PROTECT GOLITSYN.
BUT CAPTAIN, IT'S--
AAAAHH!!
KIROV? KIROV!
FOR GOD'S SAKE, SERGEY--GO! I'LL WATCH HIM!
TACTICAL ASSESSMENT
Terminate Pavlichenko unit Seize Golitsyn Terminate all other humans
HOW MUCH LONGER, GOLITSYN?
NOT "CHEKISTY"...? YOU ARE GROWING FOND OF ME, PERHAPS?

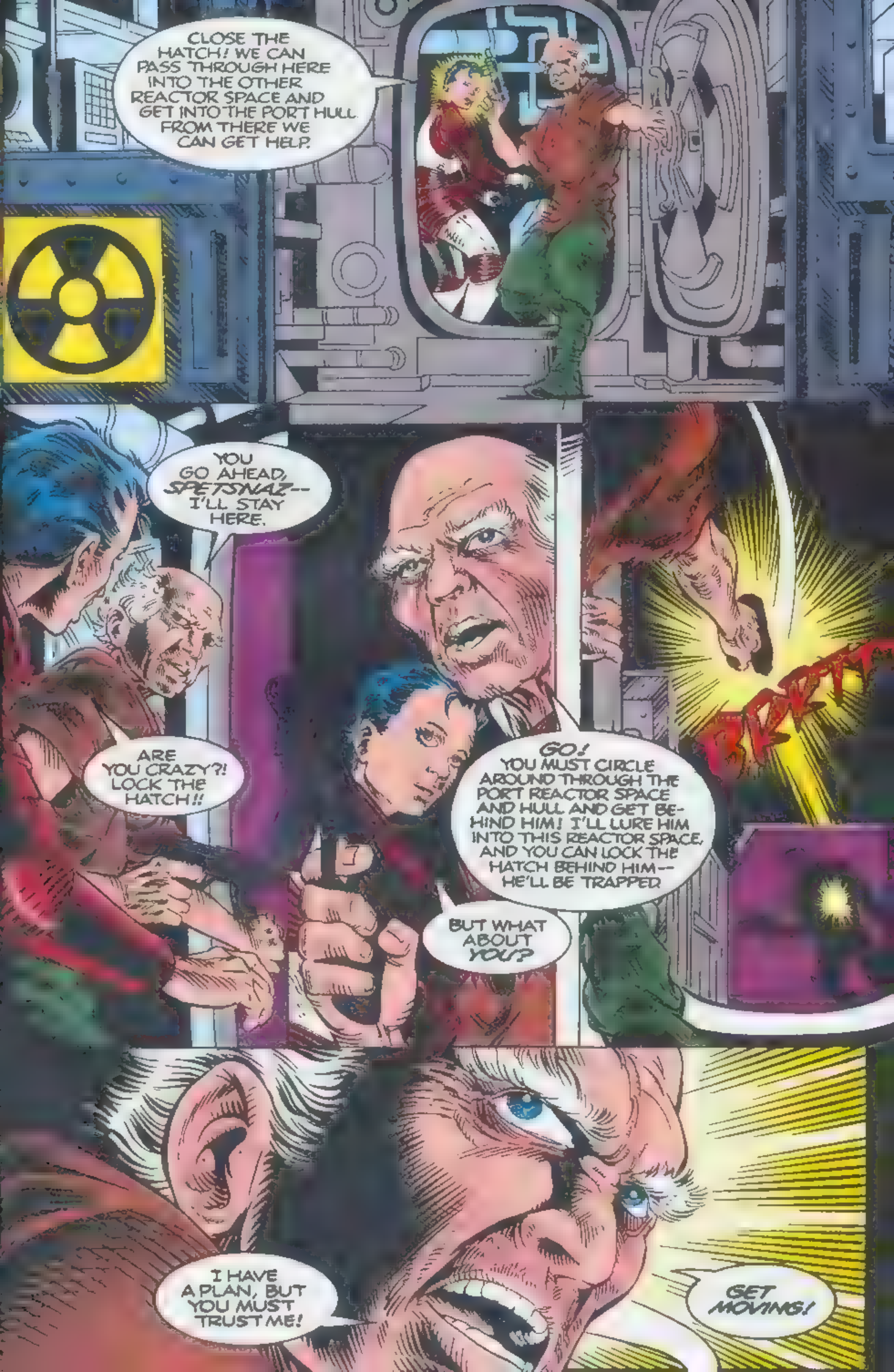
BRAMM
BLAMM
WHRAKK
DON'T YOU LEAVE ME, SPETSNAZ!
SERGEY!
SERGEY... WH- WHAT...
TWO OF YOU...? WHAT DO I--

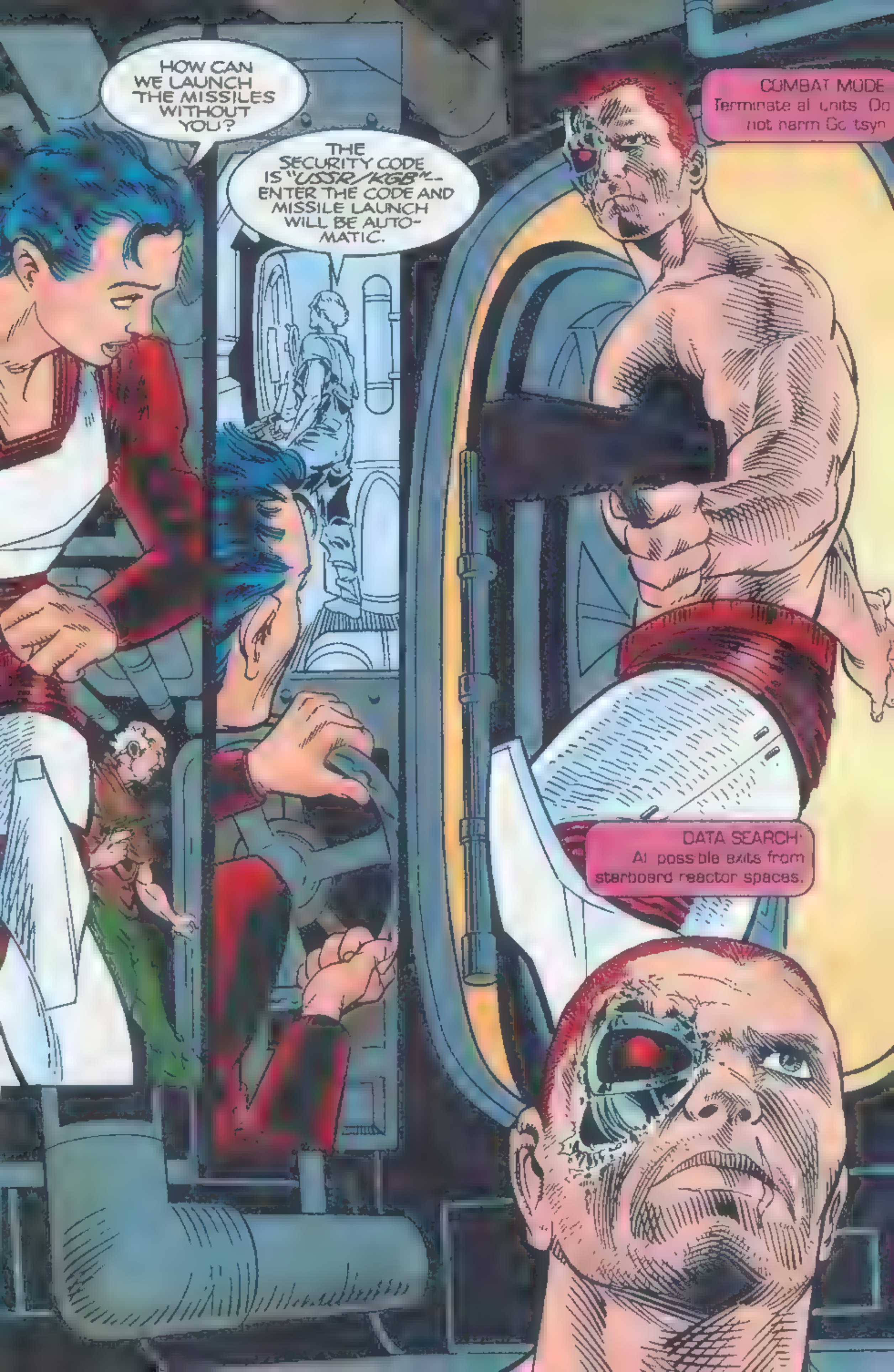
HNNG...
LARISA—
SHOOT US
BOTH!!
BKOOM
Unit...must be...terminated.
BKOOM

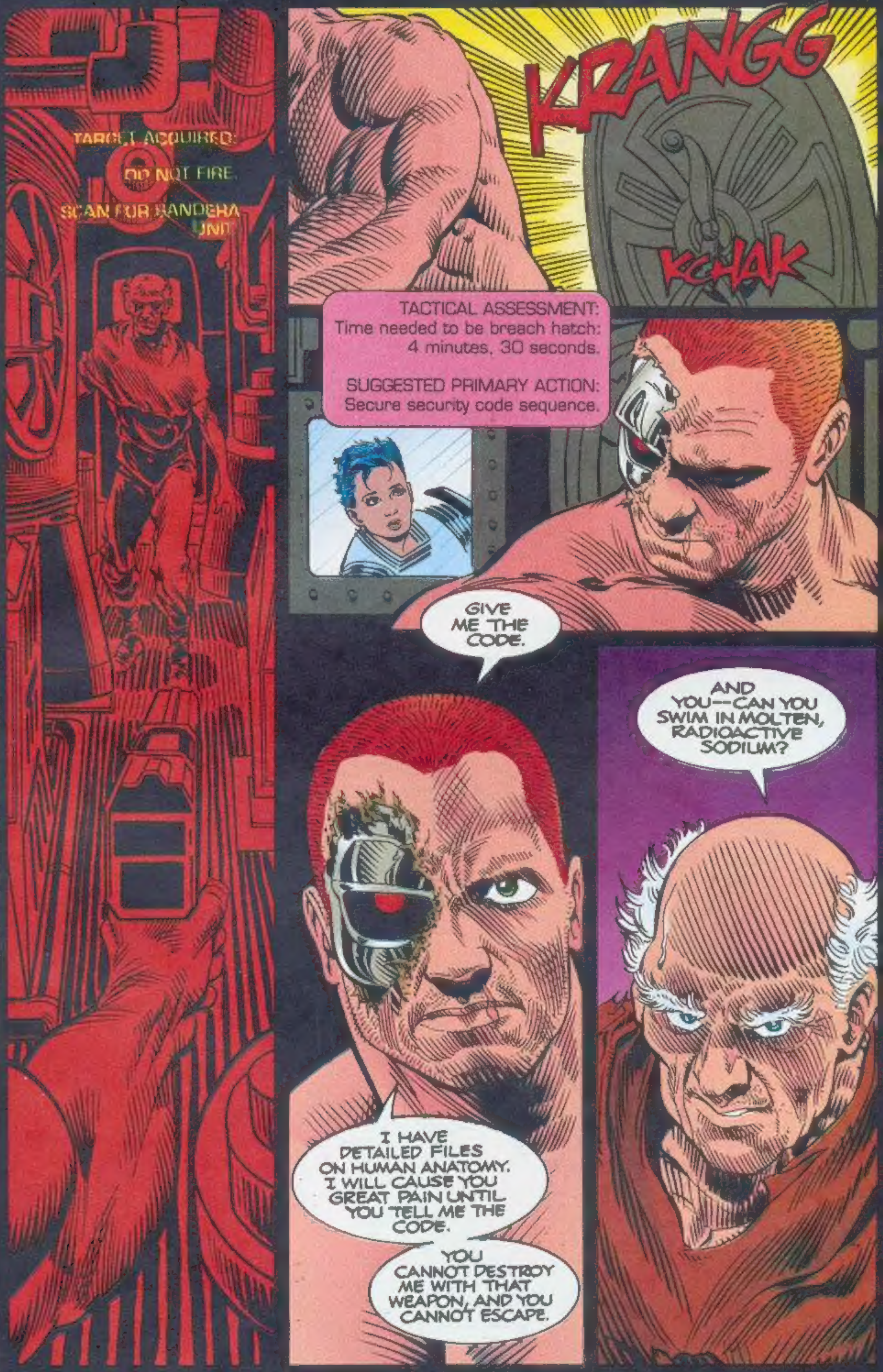
M-MY GOD...
ARE... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT...?
GOOD SHOOTING, LARISA.
WHOOM
UHNN...

Execute termination order
Execute
Execute
LARISA...
CPU OVERRIDE:
Initialize shutdown of
transferred personality in
100 microseconds
75
50
ORDERS
Terminate all other units
BRRTTT

BANDERA! ON YOUR FEET!
QUICKLY!
DAMN IT, *SPETSNAZ*, DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO TRUST NO ONE?
WE...WE HAVE TO SHUT DOWN THE MISSILES SOMEHOW. HE'LL BE ABLE TO LAUNCH THEM...
NOT UNLESS HE KNOWS THE NEW SECURITY CODE I SET AFTER LOADING THE NEW DATA.
G-GOLITSYN...
Connecting cables YY4 and BF1 into ports LX and NX Sending new navigational data
Access failed Security code sequence in place Navigation programming and launch trigger aborted
PRIORITY ORDERS Obtain password from Golitsyn If password cannot be obtained, destroy ship


CLOSE THE HATCH! WE CAN PASS THROUGH HERE INTO THE OTHER REACTOR SPACE AND GET INTO THE PORT HULL. FROM THERE WE CAN GET HELP.
YOU GO AHEAD, *SPETSNAZ*-- I'LL STAY HERE.
ARE YOU CRAZY?! LOCK THE HATCH!!
GO! YOU MUST CIRCLE AROUND THROUGH THE PORT REACTOR SPACE AND HULL AND GET BEHIND HIM! I'LL LURE HIM INTO THIS REACTOR SPACE, AND YOU CAN LOCK THE HATCH BEHIND HIM-- HE'LL BE TRAPPED.
BUT WHAT ABOUT *YOU?*
I HAVE A PLAN, BUT YOU MUST TRUST ME!
GET MOVING!

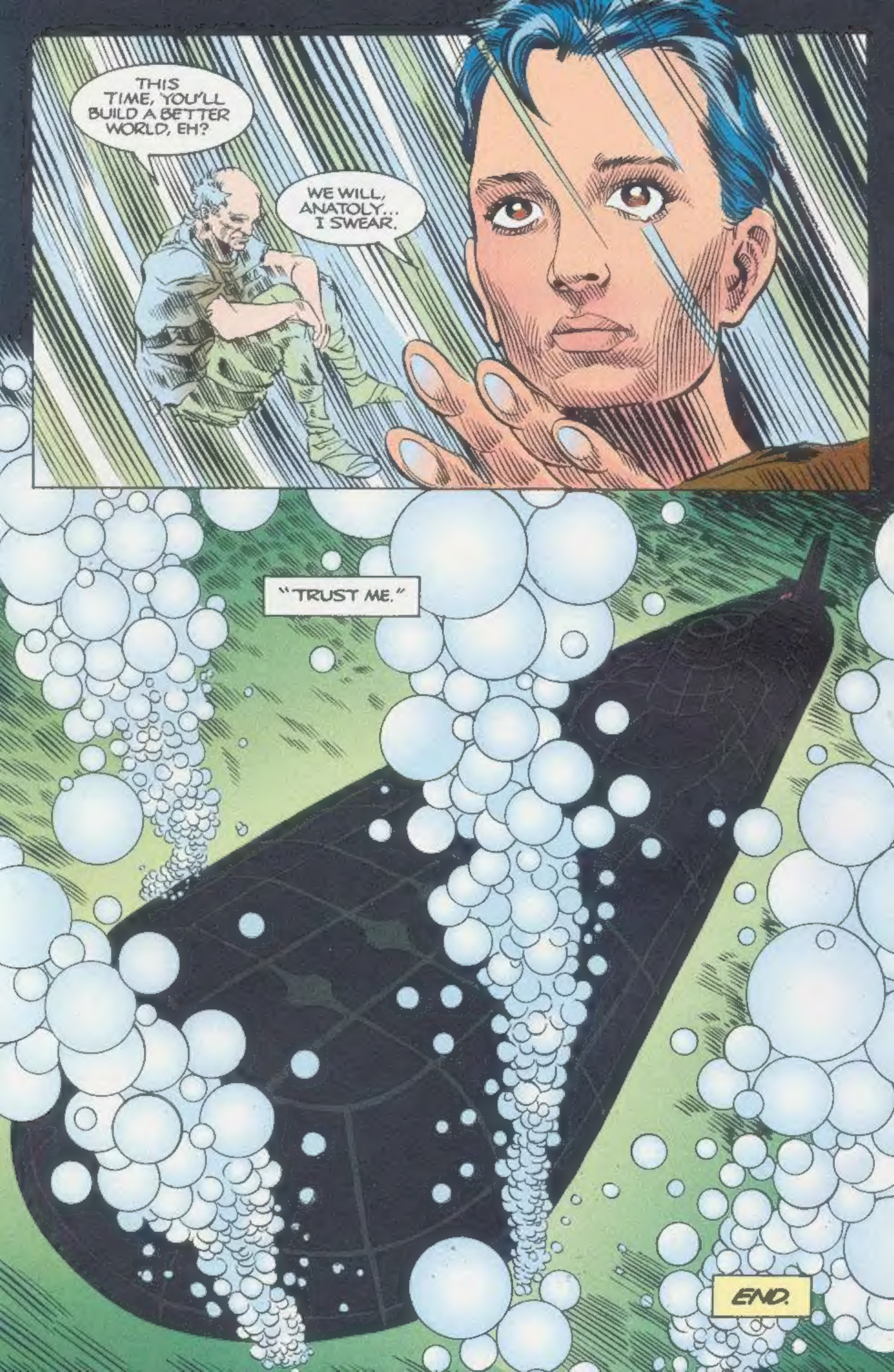

HOW CAN WE LAUNCH THE MISSILES WITHOUT YOU?
THE SECURITY CODE IS "USSR/KGB"-- ENTER THE CODE AND MISSILE LAUNCH WILL BE AUTO-MATIC.
COMBAT MODE
Terminate all units. Do not harm Goltsyn
DATA SEARCH:
All possible exits from starboard reactor spaces.



TARGET ACQUIRED:
DO NOT FIRE.
SCAN FOR PANDERA UNIT
KRANGG
KCHAK
TACTICAL ASSESSMENT:
Time needed to be breach hatch:
4 minutes, 30 seconds.
SUGGESTED PRIMARY ACTION:
Secure security code sequence.
GIVE ME THE CODE.
AND YOU--CAN YOU SWIM IN MOLTEN, RADIOACTIVE SODIUM?
I HAVE DETAILED FILES ON HUMAN ANATOMY. I WILL CAUSE YOU GREAT PAIN UNTIL YOU TELL ME THE CODE.
YOU CANNOT DESTROY ME WITH THAT WEAPON, AND YOU CANNOT ESCAPE.

LET'S FIND OUT!
BRKTT
FSHHHH
EMERGENCY: Thermal overload. Radioactivity levels exceeded.
SYSTEMS FAILURE. SYSTEMS FAILURE. SYS--

-KOFF- I DIDN'T THINK SO.
THE AUTOMATIC SHUTOFF VALVES WILL STOP ANY FURTHER LEAKAGE, SPETS... LARISA. BUT NO ONE MUST ENTER THIS COMPARTMENT.
THE SUB CAN OPERATE JUST FINE ON ONE REACTOR, CERTAINLY LONG ENOUGH TO LAUNCH THE MISSILES AND RETURN TO LAND.
AFTER THAT, WHO CARES, EH? -KOFF-
ANATOLY... WHY DID YOU DO THIS? SACRIFICE YOURSELF? I COULD HAVE...
AH, MY DEAR... MY WORLD DIED A LONG TIME AGO, AND I WILL NEVER RETURN.
I HAVE A FEELING THAT THE NEW WORLD YOU'LL BUILD WON'T HAVE A PLACE FOR SOME-ONE LIKE ME.
SO MAYBE IT'S BEST I FINISH MY TIME HERE WITH THIS CHILD OF THE OLD ORDER...


THIS TIME, YOU'LL BUILD A BETTER WORLD, EH?
WE WILL, ANATOLY... I SWEAR.
"TRUST ME."
END.